

(d) if so, the date of its introduction and the reasons for delay in passing this Bill?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE):

(a) to (d) Government has introduced the 'Freedom of Information Bill, 2000' in the Lok Sabha on July 25, 2000. The Bill, as introduced in the Lok Sabha and pending therein, was referred to the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs for examination and report thereon. The Standing Committee has since presented its Report to both the Houses of Parliament on July 25, 2001. The recommendations made by the Committee are under examination. Decision to move a motion to get the Bill passed will be taken by the Government thereafter.

Lifting Freeze on LTC

1322. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for lifting freeze on LTC for the Central Government employees; and

(b) if so, Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

Relay Hunger Dharna by CSS Members

1323. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether members of the Central Secretariat Service (CSS) are on relay hunger dharna for more than 400 days just behind the Parliament House for redressal of their grievances pertaining to removal of stagnation and pay scales;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have not called their representative for resolving the issues through discussion;